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**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC., NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY, AND  
CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION – JOINT USE AND OPERATION EXEMPTION**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have caused to be served a copy of the attached letter from the Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, to the Honorable W. Douglas Buttrey, Chairman, dated August 9, 2006 upon the following individuals by first class mail, postage prepaid:

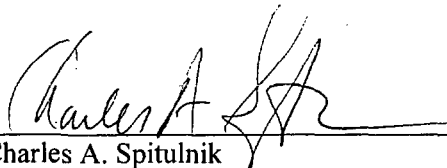
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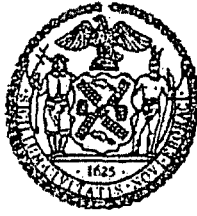
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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
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August 9, 2006

The Honorable W. Douglas Buttrey  
Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Staten Island Railroad (SIRR)  
Finance Docket No. 34908 and 34909  
Notice of Modified Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Petition  
for Exemption, on behalf of CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Railway  
Company and Consolidated Rail Corporation

Dear Chairman Buttrey:

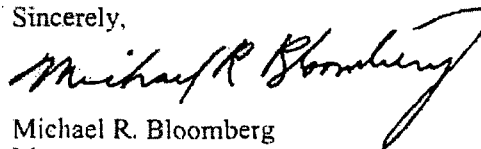
As you know, CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Consolidated Rail Corporation have submitted a Notice of Modified Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and a Petition for Exemption to the STB regarding the reactivation of the Staten Island Railroad (SIRR). The City of New York purchased this railroad in 1994 and the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) manages this asset on behalf of the City. EDC supports these filings and I am writing to reinforce that support, and to ask that the STB review the petition with expediency.

This project is of great importance to the City of New York. We are eager to reactivate the SIRR to provide much needed rail service to Staten Island industrial businesses. EDC has partnered with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in conducting construction and rehabilitation of this important rail asset. The work is near completion and EDC, as administrator of the SIRR on behalf of the City and the Port Authority, would like to take the next step in reactivating this railroad with CSX, NS and Conrail as the joint operators for the SIRR.

With the reactivation of the SIRR, the City hopes to decrease truck traffic on Staten Island, allow the New York Container Terminal to grow and provide much needed employment at the port, and provide for low-cost rail transportation for industrial businesses on the Travis Branch. This project will also allow the Fresh Kills Transfer Facility, which has been constructed as a truck-to-rail facility, to fulfill its design function of exporting Staten Island municipal solid waste by rail, versus export by hundreds of trucks that would otherwise negatively impact the local community.

Your expedited review of these matters would be appreciated. Thank you for your attention to these matters and for improving the rail transportation network that serves New York City.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor

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